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TELEPOHONE FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to provide cent percent telephone connectivity before August 15, 2000 in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to simplify the procedures for shifting and transfer of telephone connections?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Government have planned to make telephone available on demand in Tamil Nadu, by March 2002 with the private sector complementing the efforts of the Government in this regard. However, in the case of Chennai Telephone District, during a special offer of reduced registration charges 77000 new registrations for telephone connections have been made and it is likely that all these new registrations will be provided with connectivity by 15th August, 2000.

(c) The steps taken to simplify the procedure for shifting and transfer of telephones are:
(i) To cut short the delay in case of All India Shift, the field officers apart from taking action on completed advice note will send a copy to Accounts Officer [TR] through FAX or details will be communicated on telephone so as to enable him to issue bill to the subscriber upto date of disconnection of telephone.
(ii) The closure certificate is handed over to the subscriber himself in a sealed cover for submitting it alongwith the application for telephone connection at the new station.
(iii) The commercial officers have been asked to issue OBs immediately on receipt of application alongwith paid copy of the last bill without any reference to the Accounts Section
(iv) Transfer of telephones provided under N-OYT-General and OYT-General categories to any person, firm or company has been allowed after one year of installation for a non-refundable fee of Rs.500/- to be paid by the transferee.
(v) Third party transfer of telephones provided under special category has been permitted against payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.500 if its date of registration has been cleared under Non-OYT-General category.